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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Four claims remain pending in the application: claims 5, 6, 14, and 15. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's position that claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16 are unallowable. However, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4, 7-13, and 16 in order to place the application in condition for allowance; thus, expediting the issuance of the claims deemed allowable by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the claims cancelled herein.

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CONCLUSION

By way of this amendment, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that Examiner telephone Thomas Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that Claims 4, 5, 14, and 15 are now in condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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